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## **Legislation to promote safe driving passes the Senate**

**LANSING**—Motorists traveling on Michigan freeways could soon see signs reminding them to drive in the right lane and leave the left for passing, under legislation that passed the state Senate today, said the bill's author, Sen. Valde Garcia, R-Howell.

Garcia introduced Senate Bill 1127 to promote driving safety. Since 1949, Michigan law has stated that motorists must drive in the right lane and leave the left lane for passing. However, this law is often ignored, which can lead to unsafe driving conditions, road rage and traffic tickets for violators. With this legislation, drivers will be made aware of the provision.

"Many visitors come to Michigan during the summer months, and it is important that safe and considerate driving is practiced," said Garcia. "By informing everyone of this state law, we will help protect not only visitors, but also those of us who call Michigan home."

Signs will be placed on limited access freeways, near Michigan's border and where the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) deems necessary.

SB 1127 now goes to the House for consideration.

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